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## Helms Ordered To Take Over All Intelligence

### Nixon Designates CIA Director to Consolidate Agencies

Washington — (UPI) — President Nixon has ordered the nation's scattered military and civilian intelligence gathering operations to be consolidated under the leadership of CIA Director Richard M. Helms.

The White House said Helms would head some of his duties as director of the Central Intelligence Agency to spy and counter-spy agencies and coordinate the work of U.S. spy and counter-spy agencies as the result of a lengthy executive branch study of duplication of efforts in their operations.

Congressional committees have long been critical of alleged overlapping of intelligence activities and the new plan won tentative approval of one key lawmaker, Rep. George H. Mahon (D-Tex) chairman of the House appropriations Committee.

Helms will work with a new National Security Council intelligence committee headed by presidential aide Henry Kissinger and consisting of the attorney general, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and representatives of the State and Defense Departments.

Mr. Nixon also ordered reconstruction of the United States Intelligence Board to be headed by Helms, and to include representatives of the CIA, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Treasury Department, Atomic Energy Commission and the National Security Agency.

Rep. Lucian Neszi (D-Mich), chairman of a House Armed Services subcommittee with supervisory responsibility for the CIA and Pentagon intelligence operations, said he had doubts "about the capacity of any one person to be able to oversee the entire intelligence operation and at the same time administer the CIA."

Lt. Gen. Robert E. Cushman, deputy director of the CIA, was expected to take over many Helms' operating responsibilities.

Other provisions include creation of a "net assessment group" within the National Security Council to evaluate all intelligence, and establishment of a "intelligence resources advisory committee," headed by Helms and which will advise on the preparation of a consolidated intelligence program budget.